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Water Supply Committee to Meet Thursday

January was unseasonably dry, however Idaho's water supply outlook improved with abundant precipitation in February. The Water Supply Committee will assess what the future holds for Idaho's water users when members meet this week at IDWR headquarters.

Snowpacks range from 57 percent of average in the Owyhee Basin to 93 percent in the Panhandle Region. If March is dry, the snowpack will only be 50-75 percent of its seasonal peak, which crests in early April. Snowpacks, streamflow forecasts, and reservoir storage will be discussed in detail by the committee, which includes water managers and hydrology experts from both the public and private sector.

The meeting is open to the public.

When: Thursday, March 15, 2007

Where: Idaho Water Center, 322 E. Front Street, Boise, in the Boise and Snake River

Conference Rooms (602 C & D) on the sixth floor.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Parking is located in the Water Center parking garage and note that there is a fee to park in the garage.